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## **Paper in Singapore Ceases Publication; Red Link Charged**

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SINGAPORE, May 16--The Eastern Sun, an English-language daily published here, ceased publication today in the wake of a Government campaign against its proprietor that culminated in an official statement charging a Communist operation to influence the newspaper.

Sam Krishniah, the editor in chief and a former Fulbright scholar at Syracuse University, said at a news conference today that the newspaper's senior staff members had no alternative but to believe that they had been working for a "Communist front organization."

Earlier, Mr. Krishniah and six other senior members of the editorial staff had announced their resignations and called on the Government to prove its charges.

The Government then issued

a statement yesterday that described loans totaling \$1.2-million that it said had been made by a "Communist intelligence organization in Hong Kong" to Aw Kow, the principal owner.

The statement also exonerated the editorial staff from involvement in the operation and noted that the Communists had bided their time—in fact, the Eastern Sun had been anti-Communist and pro-Government in its coverage.

Mr. Aw Kow informed the senior staff, all expatriates, that the paper could not publish without them. Mr. Krishniah, reporting on a private meeting with the owners earlier today, said, "I also told them that I and my staff cannot afford to work if we are to keep our reputations as journalists in other parts of the world. The Sun is ended."

Despite being publicly named by the Government, Mr. Aw Kow has not been arrested or formally charged. He also is the proprietor of Sin Chew Jit Poh, a major Chinese-language daily published in Singapore and Malaysia.